

THE ADVOCATE.

THE FARM AND THE FARMER.

Garden ground infested with cut worms will be benefited by plowing it deeply just before heavy freezing.

A Vermont farmer picks the apple seeds from his cider presses and sells them for use in the manufacture of prussic acid.

If window gardeners only would learn that market plant growers avoid over-potting, as they do frost, less complaints of bad luck would be heard.

Good roads increase the value of live stock, land and living generally. If a horse can do one-third more work on a good road, then his value is increased one-third.

Your gooseberry bushes will bear all the better next season for timely severe pruning. By removing branches where too thick, especially of old wood, and heading straggling branches back, you will not go far astray.

Good animals, good crops, good results all around on the farm are not the outcome of good luck. It is patient, continued, intelligent effort that brings success in agriculture, not a hit-or-miss, happy-go-lucky course.

When planting an apple orchard select land that is high, dry and open to a good circulation of air. Then the buds will not develop as soon in spring, and thus will escape the disastrous effects of late frosts. An orchard so situated and well cultivated should not have any off years, but should produce a regular succession of good crops.

In a small yard, where the flock is kept for months, every square inch is covered with droppings at some time during the occupancy of the space, and the fowls cannot pick up the smallest substance without swallowing a portion of the filth. To avoid this the yards should be scraped over with a hoe when the ground is hard, or spaded when the ground is not frozen.

Bones will soon be used so extensively for poultry that the fertilizer manufacturers will have difficulty in securing as many as formerly. Wheat and corn will be partially the food for poultry. The green bones from the butcher and the finely chopped, clover hay, scalded, will not only cheapen the cost of eggs, but will increase the number. The green bone mills are revolutionizing the method of poultry feeding.

If there is a supply of water available get it into the house and barn, if possible, before winter sets her seal upon Mother Earth. It is useless to deny the fact that the indications point to a scant supply of water before spring, and yet upon nearly every farm there is a never failing spring or stream which might be made to supply the family and stock. Look well to the water supply for the coming winter.

Part of every small horseman's education should be the names and location of the different parts of a horse's anatomy, and the ability to discover anything wrong with him; to know by his mute signs when the saddle rubs, the girth pinches, the bit is too narrow, the nose-band or the throat-latch too tight, when he picks up a stone in his hoof, etc., ad libitum. They are little things in themselves, but it would be safe to wager that one half the people who ride don't know them.

No one ever hears of any prosecutions in America for having too much water in butter; of course, for the reason that there is no law against it. In England, recently, a man was fined \$5 and costs with a forfeiture of his butter, for having sent to market a firkin of butter with twenty-nine per cent. of water in it. The law allows nineteen per cent., and anything over that incurs a prosecution. The ordinary percentage of well-made butter is put at fifteen or sixteen.

When cold weather comes give charred corn to the confined fowls a few times a week; it is a substitute for charcoal, and the fowls like it. Take an ear of corn and put it into the fire until it is shelled. It may be shelled or left on the cob. It will produce a change for the better. Fowls gorge themselves if feed is placed before them, and unless the gizzard triturates the feed in a proper manner indigestion is sure to follow. Indigestion is the cause of much sickness we attribute to other disease.

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The Reno county, Kan., fruit growers have recently formed an association for the purpose of securing better shipping facilities and market prices. The stock is divided into 100 shares of \$5 each, on which an assessment of 20 per cent. is required to be paid at once. This gives to every member the right to ship in the car of the association to its agent at the pro rata carload rate for carriage and sale. Each shipper will receive his own fruit with his name and will receive in return the actual price therefor, less the expense as above. The company is now maturing shipping and packing rules. An agent will secure markets, and the committee on transportation will attend to shipments. This is an example worthy of imitation by other local societies.

Some interesting particulars regarding the ostrich are contained in a paper recently read before the Royal Society of Tasmania by Mr. James Andrew. During the nesting season, the male bird is so pugnacious that it is dangerous to go anywhere near him. His method of attack is by kicking; and as his powerful foot is armed with a formidable nail, he can do great damage by bringing it down upon his opponent. A blow with the flat of the foot is terrible enough; but the nail has a ripping action which is far worse. Instances are adduced where a man has been killed by one blow from this awful foot; and in another case a horse's back was broken by a blow aimed at its rider. When a man is attacked, it is useless to seek safety in flight, for the bird can overtake him in an instant. The only way is to lie down flat on the ground and take the punishment until chance offers an opportunity of escape. If the bird is seized by the neck and his head tightly held down, he is rendered comparatively powerless.

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